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Box No. I Basis of the report

With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

- international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1 (b))
- publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

the description:

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the claims:

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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages

the claims, Nos.

the drawings, sheets/figs

the sequence listing (*specify*):

any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

the description, pages

the claims, Nos.

the drawings, sheets/figs

the sequence listing (*specify*):

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1 - 4	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1 - 4	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1 - 4	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

None of the cited arts either taken alone or in combination discloses all the features as claimed particularly the feature the pouch formed from multiple layers of material and the compartments formed between adjacent layers of material. Therefore the claims as amended satisfy the requirements of novelty and inventive step.

The claims are also industrially applicable.

CLAIMS:

1. A smoker's pouch for carrying material capable of being smoked having at least a first and a second compartment wherein at least one of said compartments is releasably sealable to retain material capable of being smoked or 5 smoking accoutrements in the compartment and the pouch is formed from multiple layers of material and the compartments are formed between adjacent layers of material..
2. The smoker's pouch according to claim 1 wherein, the compartment is sealed by a seal, the seal comprising respective formations associated with adjacent 10 layers of material forming the pouch, the respective formations engageable with each other to releasably seal the compartment.
3. The smoker's pouch according to claim 2 wherein, the seal comprises a first formation and a second formation, the first formation having a female channel with resilient sidewalls at least one sidewall having a flange on an upper portion, the 15 flange extending at least partially toward the opposing sidewall and the second formation having a male member with an enlarged portion receivable between the opposed sidewalls of the channel and adapted to be retained therein until the application of a force large enough to release the male member therefrom.
4. A smoker's pouch substantially as described herein with reference to 20 the accompanying drawings.